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Applicant : Richard S. Ginn
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USING SUCH APPARATUS
Group Art Unit : 3734
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the claims as follows:

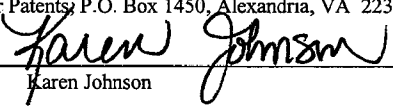
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